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SUBJECT:

1. EXIMBANK ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THREE U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS TO SUPPORT THE SALE OF CONSTRUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT FROM JOHN DEERE AND CO. AND J AND L ENGINEERING CO. TO ASEALAYA SUGAR COMPANY, KHARTOUM. THESE REQUESTS TOTAL \$2,460,000. INDICATIONS ARE THAT OTHER SUCH REQUESTS MAY BE SUBMITTED LATER.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON MAXIMUM POTENTIAL US PROCUREMENT FOR THIS PROJECT AND INFORMATION ON STRUCTURE OF ASEALAYA SUGAR COMPANY.

3. EXIMBANK ASSISTANCE HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THE SALE OF 200 HARLEY DAVISON POLICE MOTORCYCLES COSTING \$955,000 TO THE

PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT, PEOPLES PLACE, KHARTOUM. THE VEHICLES ARE REPORTED TO BE FOR THE USE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PALACE GUARD. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER PLACE GUARD IS MILITARY OR POLICE ORGANIZATION.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY PERCEIVES POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL

OR OTHER REASONS EXIMBANK SHOULD NOT CONSIDER THESE REQUESTS.
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